(b) whether Government have announced its commitment to implement the decision;

(c) whether the action by Government would substantially reduce the risks of floods and soil erosion in several Indian territories; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) 36th meeting of Indo-Bangladesh Joint River Commission was held at Dhaka from September 19-21, 2005. It was decided that Ministers of Water Resources of both the countries would personally undertake visits to all sites of river bank protection, minor lift irrigation and drinking water supply schemes along the concerned common/border rivers and Ichamati river to assess situation on the ground in order to give relevant decision on the future course of action to be undertaken by the two countries on their specific concerns.

(b) to (d) Based on the decision of the above meeting, the lists of sites have been exchanged between both the countries. The tentative programme of joint visit of Ministers of Water Resource of both the countries has been communicated to Government of Bangladesh. The implementation of concerned works/schemes proposed by Indian side will depend on the decisions taken after the joint visit of Ministers.

Loss of lives and property due to flood in Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh

†3030. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of loss of life and property in the villages situated near Gangi, Tamsa and other rivers due to floods in August-September, 2005 in Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of steps being taken by Government to save the life and property of people of those villages and cities which are situated on the banks of rivers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) As per the information

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

furnished by Government of Uttar Pradesh, the extent of loss of life and property is as follows:

Affected Population	-	11,65,220 nos.
Casualty	-	37 nos.
Affected Area	-	50,053 hectare

(b) The State Government has further informed that 48.4 km. Mahula Garhwal Bundh has been constructed along Tamsa and Ghaghra rivers. To protect Azamgarh town a protection bund and advance bund in a length of 8.15 km had been constructed.

Schemes to Irrigate one crore hectare land

3031. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced that one crore hectare land would be irrigated in coming five years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of schemes allotted to Jammu and Kashmir in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Creation of irrigation potential of one crore hectare over a period of four years is one of the components of "Bharat Nirman" programme which includes (a) 4.2 Million hectare (Mha) through completion of identified on-going major and medium projects, (b) 2.8 Mha by minor irrigation scheme, (c) 1.0 Mha by enhancing the utilization by extension, renovation and modernization (ERM) of major and medium projects, (d) 1.0 Mha through repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies and ERM of minor irrigation schemes and (e) 1.0 Mha by new schemes for ground water development for irrigation in areas with unutilized ground water potential (primarily for benefit of small and marginal farmers and tribals and dalits).

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Water Resources requested the State Governments to furnish necessary details in respect of the identified